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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## FOOTBALL IN PLAYOFFS

The Wartburg Knights received an at-large bid for the NCAA Div. III playoffs. The Knights play host to Lake Forest (Ill.) Saturday at noon at Walston-Hoover Stadium.

## ETK MOVIE KNIGHT

Wednesday will be another Wartburg Movie Knight at the Palace Theater. Showing is "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," "Santa Clause 2" and "The Ring." Admission is \$1 with Wartburg student ID. Movies start at 11:30 p.m., but get there early—seats fill fast.

## THANKSGIVING MEAL

Wartburg's Black Student Union (BSU) is holding its third annual Wartburg Thanksgiving meal. The event begins at 6 p.m. Sunday. The dinner is free and open to all Wartburg students, faculty and staff. Reservations must be made by noon Friday, Nov. 22, at Ext. 8434 or [krystal.madlock@wartburg.edu](mailto:krystal.madlock@wartburg.edu).

## SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

Wartburg cross country and track student-athlete Missy Buttry will be pictured in next week's "Faces in the Crowd" section of Sports Illustrated. This marks the third time in the past two years that someone from Wartburg has been featured in the section.

## QUICK FACT

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed in Dallas, Texas. Alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald never confessed to killing J.F.K. and thus created one of the most conspiracy-ridden events of the 20th Century.

"This Week in History" is provided courtesy of the Wartburg History Club.



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POP STAR—Wartburg alumna Jasmine Baxton will be auditioning in front of American Idol judges in California.

## Next American Idol?

By KATIE HARTMAN  
Senior Writer

American Idol has become the country's new craze. The show, which searches for new faces worthy of musical stardom, has made waitress Kelly Clarkson one of the most heard voices on the nation's radio.

This week, two of Wartburg's own made it one step closer to pop star status at the regional "American Idol" contest in Mason City.

Wartburg alumna Jasmine "Jazzy" Baxton was announced the regional winner of the contest Friday. She boarded a plane Saturday morning and is on her way to an audition in front of the American Idol judges in Pasadena, Calif.

Baxton graduated from Wartburg in December 2001 and currently lives in Cedar Falls.

"Anyone that is serious about the music industry will take any door that is opened for them," Baxton said. "I've been working my butt off for two years and I've had the lowest of lows. This is my dream. Even if I don't make it, this is huge."

Wartburg student Michelle Swieter was also among one of the top three finishers in the regional contest and was announced the "People's Choice Award" winner Friday.

Baxton and Swieter were two of the 200 people who performed in Mason City for the chance to audition for the American Idol show. Of these 200 who auditioned, 10 were chosen to perform in front of judges and a live audience at the Aquarius Club in Rochester. The top 10 were then narrowed down to the top three. Two of the three included both Baxton and Swieter.

The regional contest, sponsored by Fox 47 and 106.9 KROC, was a chance for both Baxton and Swieter to "feel famous for a night," said Swieter.

Each of the top 10 had the opportunity to perform an entire song at Aquarius. Baxton performed her own tune "Cassanova," and Swieter performed Faith Hill's "Cry."

The performers were judged not only on their musical talents, but on their appearance, stage presence and personality.

Swieter said the judges were full of compliments, but there was always one who criticized everybody. She had a positive attitude towards the criticism, though.

"You have to take it with the grain of salt," she said. "If you want to be a professional, you have to be able to take criticism."

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## SPJ protests at eight-hour rally

By TINA HINZ  
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Six members of Students for Peace and Justice (SPJ) traveled to Fort Benning, Ga., Friday. They took part in the three-day annual protest against the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

Formerly known as the School of the Americas (SOA), the institution is a U.S. Army training school for Latin American soldiers.

According to the SOA Watch, a peace activist organization, the school's curriculum includes counterinsurgency techniques, sniper training, commando and psychological warfare, military intelligence and interrogation tactics.

"Ironically, the United States fully supports this operation while claiming our stand against terrorism," said senior Ann Willhoite, one of four SPJ leaders.

Thousands gathered for the eight-hour rally at the gates of Fort Benning Saturday.

"About 7,500 people have shown up for the protest the last few years, but nothing's really been done," said senior Jason Bell, one of the protest participants. "The whole thing is largely ignored by the media."

Workshops and classes were available to educate those interested in learning more about the SOA and political activism.

"I'm excited to learn activist methods and talk to others about their beliefs," said junior Nikki Schmidt, an SPJ leader.

Many SOA graduates have been involved in overthrowing democratic governments. Some protesters refer to the institution as the "School of the Assassins."

SOA Watch said the school trains between 1,000 to 2,000 Latin American soldiers annually, at a cost of \$20 million each year to U.S. tax-

payers. SOA graduates include Osama bin Laden. He was trained when the United States wanted him to fight against Communist Russia.

"I think it's ridiculous America's fighting a war on terror when we're training terrorists in our own country," said junior Heidi Schramm, another participant.

SPJ is a program that strives to educate Wartburg's campus on both global and domestic issues.

"We provide a unique and compassionate voice and bring attention to campus that students wouldn't otherwise be exposed to," Bell said.

Activities include co-sponsoring campus speakers such as Rania Masri, who came in October, as well as participating in conferences to find out what group members can bring back to the community.

Red and black ribbons will be

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## Student nabbed in fraud

By JESSICA NYSTEL  
Staff Writer

Wartburg student Justin Kurth was arrested Oct. 14, for allegedly accessing student records to obtain a Visa credit card in another student's name.

With this credit card, Kurth charged more than \$1,000 for a set of speakers from Bose Corporation. The speakers were sent to Kurth's campus residence, but a letter from Bose was sent to the other student's home, thanking the student for the purchase and setting up a monthly payment plan.

"Her father discovered it over the weekend," said John Myers III, director of campus security.

The father called the student, who had no knowledge of the purchase since she uses a MasterCard, not Visa. The student then contacted campus security. Myers turned the case over to the Waverly Police Department because it was out of their legal jurisdiction.

"We have more authority than the average Joe on campus because we're protecting the campus, but we can't arrest anyone," Myers said.

The Waverly police charged Kurth with identity theft, which is a Class D felony, and second degree theft, which is a Class C felony.

"[Identity theft is] when you obtain someone's personal information to obtain property," Waverly police officer Richard Pursell said. The second degree theft charge "comes from the company that he took the product from."

According to Pursell, since the amount of money the stolen property is worth is more than \$1,000, the maximum punishment Kurth faces is up to five years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$7,500.

Kurth has made his initial court appearance before a magistrate and awaits another court appearance to plead guilty or not guilty and set a trial date.

According to Myers, this appears to be an isolated case and is the first known credit card fraud case at Wartburg.

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# Little green Bibles for all

By STEVEN C. MURRAY  
Columnist

This week Wartburg held its annual "little green Bible day" at the ballpark. For the past three years I have been privileged enough to experience that day which is set aside for older gentlemen to distribute little green Bibles. I don't have anything against people spreading the word of God, but seriously, people ... who are these men, and how do they get on campus?

In the past, I have usually just ignored the fact that they take the time to distribute these green truncated scriptures and have just gone about my business per usual. However, I feel that the phenomenon of the little green Bible men has received too little attention for too long. (For the purposes of this column, I will herein refer to the "little green Bible" as "LGB.")

Now, I don't wish to come across as one who



believes that the LGB men should not be allowed on campus, but I wonder whether or not they are really achieving anything. First off, it is important to note that the majority of people here, whether students, faculty or staff, already own at least one, and in some cases several Bibles. I personally own four Bibles that I can think of, and wouldn't necessarily consider myself one as of the most religious persons I know. Literature of the Old and New Testament requires students to purchase a specific Bible, and because the course is a required for graduation, it is almost a given that every student has a Bible.

Of course, there is nothing saying, "You must take this Bible," but still, one feels bad not taking a LGB. After all, those men are outside in the cold passing them out. So, you take the Bible (somewhat reluctantly), say thank you, express to the other five men that you have already received a LGB, and then continue the quest for your destination of choice.

Now, if a senior, you have accumulated four LGBs over the years. What are you going to do with them? One feels bad throwing away the word of God, so that is pretty much out of the question. The only thing that I have found that

might work, in order to keep a clear conscience, is to *mistakenly* leave the Bible in a public place where others who might be interested in having a LGB can successfully take the Bible.

To answer my previous question (who are these men?), they are the Gideons. According to the Gideons International Web site ([www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org)), a primary function of the organization is "placing and distributing Bibles and New Testaments in the human traffic lanes and streams of national life." The organization's Web site boasts that the Gideons place and distribute more than 56 million copies of scriptures annually, which averages out to be approximately one million copies each week. Unfortunately, I don't think that the Gideons are fulfilling their true goals by distributing LGBs here at Wartburg.

I am not merely concerned with Wartburg students being inconvenienced but also feel that the whole ordeal is unfair to those who have given their financial support to the Gideons to make the LGBs possible.

So ... what did you do with yours?

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## Letters to the Editor

### To the Editor:

I was deeply disappointed in last week's movie review of "Red Dragon." It was painfully obvious that the name Thomas Harris has most likely never reached the ears of Bryan Clark.

Harris is the author of the novels "Red Dragon," "Silence Of the Lambs," and "Hannibal." Yes, all of these movies were based on books. And so, by reducing "Red Dragon's" story to a "derivative" of "Silence of the Lambs" shows a gross lack of knowledge for any movie enthusiast, much less a critic.

Also, Mr. Clark, please be sure to keep timelines straight. Harris wrote "Red Dragon" seven years before "Silence of the Lambs," and "Red Dragon" was also put onto the silver screen as "Manhunter" in 1986, five years before Jonathan Demme's Academy-winning version of "Silence of the Lambs." IF (and that's a huge if) anything is to be considered derivative, it's Silence of the Lambs, in both literature AND film.

A friendly suggestion, Bryan: a movie critic does much more than just watch a film. A critic must love film, and a love of film brings about just a bit of cinematic knowledge. But then again, when a critic puts a high body count and an intelligent and engaging script on the same level, I guess only so much can be expected.

Adam Van Briesen

### To the Editor:

Habitat for Humanity would like to thank all of the students, faculty and staff who helped support Hunger and Homelessness Week. A special thank you goes out to maintenance and security for letting us have a fire in the middle of the campus mall. We'd also like to thank all of the students who came out and kept us company while we were "living in cardboard boxes."

The food and clothing drive was a huge success and we greatly appreciate everyone's donations. The items have been delivered to respective shelters in Cedar Falls/Waterloo. Thanks again for helping to make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate than we.

Habitat board  
Sara Nyhus  
Cassie Ringsdorf  
Beth Spencer

## Of tuition, basketball and beatings

By JESSE GAVIN  
Columnist

As many of you that know me will testify, there are some pretty random thoughts that enter my brain on a given day. These are just a sampling.

I'm getting pretty tired of people that always complain about really insignificant things. The next time I see UNI students on TV protesting a \$600 tuition increase, I think I'm going to puke.

Speaking of tuition increases, when will we find out how much those banners hanging on Clinton Hall actually cost, and how much that cost affects our tuition?

Wasn't the point of the homelessness display in front of Old Main last week to make people actually experience what it means to be homeless? If so, then why did whoever was being homeless give up at 6:00? Did the last person out there say, "This homeless thing sucks, I'm going back to my room" and leave? Someone please explain this to me.

As much as I don't like the kind of basketball

they play in the NBA, I still find myself watching for a couple reasons. One, to see how long Grant Hill's ankle will hold on. Two, to see how big Shawn Kemp has ballooned recently. Three, to root against the Lakers.

Continuing on the basketball theme, this will be the year that Iowa basketball fans find out if Steve Alford is worth the cool million that he's getting paid. If he can't pull together a bunch of nonamers and make them play, then how is he going to put together a winner when he gets a bunch of head cases on the team again.

I read that the 15-year-old kid that enjoyed a night of family bonding with his father by beating up Kansas City Royals first base coach Tom Gamboa will avoid jail time. Maybe I'm just a cold-hearted scoundrel, but I think that the kid, and his old man for that matter, should both go to jail for a long time.

I'll be here for the next two years. Enjoy the veal.

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## Grant cuts sour students

By MATT TOWNSLEY  
Columnist

For the past two years, the Iowa Legislature has said to many Iowa residents attending private colleges and universities, "Here's up to \$4000 of free money to use towards tuition, room and board." Then around October or November, we hear from them once again—this time saying, "Actually, we're going to need \$500 (or last year, \$250) of that money back. "Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you the Iowa Tuition Grant program.

I'm very thankful the program exists and will humbly accept whatever money the government can spare; however, I don't especially enjoy seeing one figure on my financial aid award letter at the beginning of the year and then realizing it's an overestimated amount of assistance.

It's like going to Best Buy and purchasing a computer for \$1000, but when the credit card bill comes a month down the road, you are forced to pay \$1250 instead. In the "real world," no business would ever get away with it.

I should have known it would happen again this year after last year's calamity. To top it all off, our regent school friends are looking at yet another twenty percent tuition hike next year.

At first, I thought it would be interesting to play the "who is really worse off" game, but after some thought, I decided to write about a less controversial topic: The reason Iowans move away may not



be solely because of high rates of taxation or a lack of recreational opportunities. It could be because they are forced to look elsewhere for higher-paying jobs to pay off student loans!

Whether it is students at Wartburg paying \$22,000 per year or Iowa residents at UNI dishing out \$12,000, I submit the idea that the governor and his legislators should take care of Iowa's young adults better if they truly have a passion for retaining the brightest minds in the Hawkeye state after four or five years of undergraduate study. Post-secondary education spending is being passed up for other programs in a state known best for its educational system.

I realize money does not grow on trees and there's only so much money to go around. If elementary and secondary schools can lobby the government for higher teacher salaries, I believe there is sufficient lobbying power around to increase post-secondary spending as well.

It's a "give" and "give back" situation. If the legislators give us more money now, we'll contribute to the well-being of Iowa later by increasing its tax base and having more money to spend after graduation.

Let's all join together and write letters to our legislators and "encourage them" to "encourage us" to stay in Iowa by at least stabilizing the Iowa Tuition Grant commitment. While you're at it, rally your public school friends to lobby for their cause as well. Together we are the future of Iowa, or, if they so choose, the future of another state.

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## ABOUT FACE

### What do you think of the new usernames and e-mail addresses?



**Tom Payne**, associate professor of art, chair of art department  
"It's no big deal. I don't mind that much, but I don't like my first name out there. When people go farming for data, it's just one more piece of information they get."

**Kim Babcock**, junior

"Now you have to know your professor's whole first name. It seems like [their name is] something we shouldn't use. I don't like my own username because people know me as Kim and not Kimberly."



**Sharon Ruth Moeller**, music department coordinator  
"In a lot of ways I think it's easier. You don't always have to guess at an e-mail address if people have similar names."

**Jason Lampe**, sophomore

"Since it's my own name, I'm very comfortable with it. I almost like it better than the old username."



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## Honors program considered

By KATIE HARTMAN  
Senior Writer

Wartburg selected a faculty-elected committee a year ago to develop a general outline for a scholars program that could be implemented in the fall of 2003.

The purpose is to "provide intellectual and academic challenges to motivated and talented students," said Dr. Greg Scholtz, professor of English and a member of the scholars program committee.

The Academic Policies Committee (APC) of Student Senate, along with faculty and faculty committees, have been discussing the draft outlining the program.

The outline includes four major academic elements to the program.

Two of the four elements include a freshman and junior year seminar that would replace IS 101 and the required ID course.

"It was felt that in this course students would certainly experience the liberal arts but not necessarily talk about the liberal arts," Scholtz said.

The third element includes a senior project, which students could focus on any discipline.

The final element is the "Second Year Symposia." Students would be required to attend a certain number of campus-wide and scholar events.

These are the requirements for participation in the proposed program:

The student must graduate in the top 10 percent of his/her high school class, have a cumulative ACT score of 26 or higher or be nominated for the

program. Transfers who wish to apply must have a 3.5 GPA or be nominated.

The APC is concerned that the entrance requirements are not strict enough. Currently, the proposed entrance requirements do not compare to the Regents scholarship program requirements, which requires students to have an ACT score of 28 or higher, be in the top 10 percent of their graduating class or have a 3.85 GPA or higher.

Despite these concerns, Scholtz said there has been an overall positive response to the program proposal.

The faculty will vote on implementation of the program after it has been reviewed by campus committees.

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## Scholar to suggest genocide still continues

By NATE KERL  
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Renowned Holocaust scholar Dr. John Roth will speak at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in Neumann Auditorium. Roth's address is titled "Will Genocide Ever End? Reflections on the Holocaust and Its Aftermath."

"I'm really looking forward to coming to Wartburg," Roth said. "I teach at a small college, and I'm very pleased there are courses and interest in the Holocaust on your campus."

"I think that one of the things that we hoped that we might learn from the Holocaust that happened more than 50 years ago is that repetition of mass murder and genocide ought not to happen anymore," Roth said. "But, of course as the 20th century continued to unfold, mass genocide continued."

Roth said this question now remains: "What would we need to think about to prevent genocide in the future?"

"The Holocaust is where the term genocide came from, and declaration of genocide happened rather quickly," he



Dr. John Roth

said. "So, we have a definition and even some commitment, but we haven't done as well as we might have in actually preventing genocide."

Roth mentions acts of genocide including Cambodia, the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda and notes that genocide "likely will continue to tempt people in this century."

In addition to Roth's convocation speech on Tuesday, he will present in selected classes Monday and Tuesday and will have an informal discussion at 7 p.m. Monday on the third floor of Vogel Library.

Roth is the co-author of "The Holocaust Chronicle" and has written and lectured on the Holocaust for more than 25 years at colleges and universities worldwide.

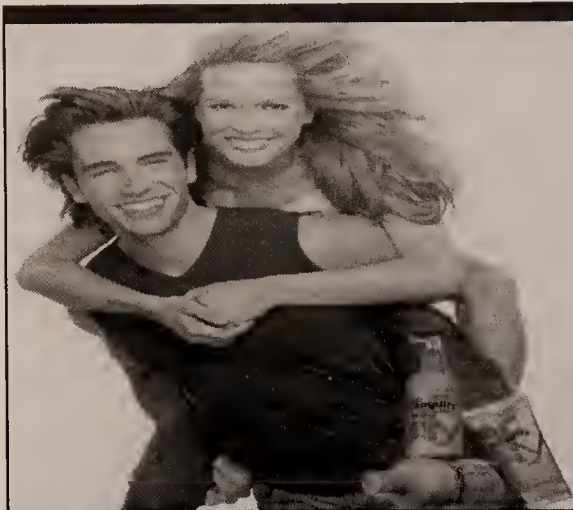
He has won numerous awards including the U.S. National Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Roth recently served as visiting professor of Holocaust studies at the University of Haifa. He currently is on the selection committee for the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics and is the Russell K. Pitzer Professor of Philosophy at Claremont McKenna College (Calif.).

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### Correction

In the Nov. 11 article "Students, faculty adjust to Players," Dr. Denis Drolet is noted as being the chair of the chemistry department. However, Dr. Warren T. Zemke is the chair of the chemistry department. The *Trumpet* regrets this error.



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# Habitat house to be built in Waverly

By AMY SERFLATEN  
Staff Writer

Waverly is the next site for a new Habitat for Humanity house. The Greater Blackhawk Habitat for Humanity board met Thursday night and decided to purchase a lot near the Wartburg College campus.

The lot is located behind the Waverly Public Library and across the street from Hertel Field.

The idea for a Habitat house came after strong support from Wartburg in previous Habitat for Humanity projects around the Cedar Valley area.

"We have done other projects in Waterloo and Cedar Falls, and Wartburg students have helped in the past," said Linda Morgan, executive director for the Greater Blackhawk Habitat for Humanity. "Waverly has a need for affordable housing as well."

This past summer, Patrice Bailey, Wartburg's community service coordinator, called Habitat to get a house built in Waverly as part of the Sesquicentennial celebration. However, Habitat couldn't get everything finalized at that time.

"It's good to know that interest from Wartburg has been there," Morgan said.

At the Waverly City Council meeting

Oct. 28, the purchase price for the lot was discussed. A lot was set aside for the Habitat house for \$3,000, while the other lots in that area are being sold for \$18,000.

Dean of students Lex Smith was appointed to co-chair with Waverly resident Dave Engelbrecht of the Steering Committee for this project.

Smith said the first task is to raise funds. So far the project has raised \$1,500, and the hope is to raise the rest of the cost of the lot and possibly the entire \$60,000 for the cost of the house.

"There has been a real fund-raising effort in Waverly," Morgan said. "This is going to be only the first house. We intend to keep building more houses in Waverly."

The house will be different from previous houses built because of the neighborhood covenants set by the City Council in that area. The house will have to be at least 1,000 square feet larger than other Habitat houses, and a garage must be included.

The project is slated to start in late spring or early fall of 2003 and will be a six- to eight-month process.

"If there is any dirt left in D lot from the construction, we might use it as fill dirt on the house," Smith said. "It would really save money because we wouldn't have to buy any fill dirt."

"Habitat houses are built all over the



Nikki Schmidt/TRUMPET

**A TASTE OF HOMELESSNESS**—Students camped outside of Old Main Thursday as part of Habitat for Humanity's Hunger and Homelessness Week.

world, why not in Waverly where there is support for it?" Morgan said. "It's a real boost in confidence to have strong support from the City Council and Wartburg."

"It's an exciting opportunity for students and faculty to get involved," Smith said. "But we are looking for strong community support for when the students aren't here as well."

"We are always looking for general support and volunteers," Morgan said.

If interested in helping Habitat for Humanity, donations can be sent to: The Greater Blackhawk Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 1131, Waterloo, Iowa 50704.

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## Health center to host American Smokeout

By KACY BURG  
Senior Writer

According to the American Cancer Society, smoking claims more than 400,000 lives in the United States each year.

Sophomore Cayla Norvet said that's why the Student Health and Wellness Center is hosting the American Cancer Society's annual Great American Smokeout on campus Thursday.

Norvet, organizer of the campus Smokeout, said that the purpose is to promote education about the harmful effects of tobacco use and encourage people to stop smoking and chewing tobacco.

"We want to raise awareness on that day," she said. "We want people to take the first step toward quitting."

Norvet said that students, faculty and staff are encouraged to pledge to be smoke-free Thursday and for the rest of their lives. She also said that even people who don't use tobacco products can get involved with the Smokeout.

"You can pledge to be smoke-free, and that includes secondhand smoke," Norvet said. "And even if you don't smoke, you can help someone stop smoking or chewing."

Norvet said that "stop smoking kits" will be available Thursday in the Student Union and will include items such as gum and candy that will help smokers get through the day and "keep their hands and mouths busy."

Senior Peggy Ficker said that she has noticed an increase in the number of people who smoke since she came to Wartburg, and she thinks the Great American Smokeout might give some people the boost they're waiting for to stop smoking.

"In general, we don't have that many people at Wartburg who smoke," she said. "But I have noticed between freshman year and now, there are a lot more people who smoke. I think [this day] is good because sometimes people are just looking for an excuse to quit, and this might be the excuse they need."

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## 'No Blood for Oil' campaigned

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posted around campus in the next couple of weeks to support the "No Blood for Oil" stand against the war in Iraq.

"I feel great having places to go to learn about issues and how to make a difference," Schramm said. "It's better than just sitting back and letting things

happen around me."

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## Student Senate's role explained

By BECCA ANDERSEN  
Assistant Section Editor

With half a semester of the school year completed, students and student organizations at Wartburg are busily going about their ways. For many students, the governing body, Student Senate, is an anomaly. Here is an opportunity to discover just what Student Senate does during the year.



"During my four years on Senate, my most frequently received question is 'what does Student Senate do?'" said student body vice president senior Nathan Eberline.

What many students may not realize is how much is accomplished behind the scenes to make Wartburg unique among its peer institutions.

Last spring Wartburg hosted student government representatives from around the state of Iowa. According to Eberline, the day was initially intended to be a day of discussion between colleges, but instead Senate spent time teaching many of the peer schools based on its own experience.

"During that conference, I learned that Wartburg truly has an extraordinary environment that allows students the ability to interact with administration, faculty and staff, not as merely students, but as peers in a learning environment," Eberline said. "No other participant at our conference had students who regularly meet with the col-

lege president or deans. The other students seemed shocked that we could have such an opportunity."

Not only has Student Senate helped other student government organizations, but they have contributed to Wartburg's own campus and learning environment.

Student Senate has helped fund equipment for the cardiovascular room along with initiating the new room expansion. Last year they launched the USA Today Readership Program and revived the Honor Council.

Senate also coordinates the Outstanding Adviser Award and the John O. Chellevold Student Award for Excellence in Teaching and Professional Service, along with continuing financial support for all student organizations.

A recent addition to the Wartburg campus, thanks in part to Senate, is the new outdoor furniture in front of the Konditorei.

Senate plans to continue to forge relationships between students, faculty and administration.

"Wartburg's relationship between all the entities on campus makes for an ideal setting to work together and grow," Eberline said. "I encourage you to take advantage of your senators as a way to make your opinions heard and continue to improve Wartburg College."

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# Who's missing?



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**MORE PLAYERS THAN FANS**—Only the pep band occupied the first section of bleachers during the second quarter of the Wartburg-Dubuque home football game Nov. 2. In the second half, ten more people sat in this section.

## After two seasons, bleachers in prized stadium look empty and lifeless

By NICK PETAROS  
Staff Writer

During homecoming, attendance at the football game was high and the atmosphere was lively as an estimated 5,000 Wartburg students, alumni, parents, teachers and other interested spectators watched the Knights battle Coe College. However, before and after that game, football attendance has been significantly less.

When Wartburg hosted the University of Dubuque Spartans at Walston-Hoover Stadium, it appeared as though there were more football players standing on the sideline than students attending the game. At this game, fans occupied 2,500 of the 4,800 stadium seats.

Athletics director Gary Grace said that many different factors contributed to the low attendance at the Dubuque game.

"From time to time, like with the Dubuque game, having to compete against Iowa and Iowa State games, we see a drop in attendance," Grace said.

He also mentioned that most people did not expect the game against the University of Dubuque to be that competitive. In the last three games against the Spartans, Wartburg has won by a combined total of 156 to 21.

When Wartburg hosted Simpson a week later, there was a slight increase in attendance, yet some thought the crowd needed to liven up.

"I was surprised that not many people came to the game considering it was warm last Saturday," freshman Hans Nestigen said.

"Even the people that came to the game didn't seem to have much enthusiasm."

Senior Amanda Baker also noticed the lack of enthusiasm among Wartburg students at home games.

"I don't think attendance was as



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Junior Brad Hodapp, senior Jeff Marsh and sophomore Andy Heitman celebrate in the end zone as a scattering of fans looks on.

### 2002 Football Game Attendance\*

OPPONENT	TURNOUT
UW-Oshkosh (away)	1,758
Cornell	3,800
Luther (away)	3,073
Loras	3,367
Upper Iowa (away)	1,000
Coe (Homecoming)	5,000
Central (away)	3,000
Dubuque	2,500
Simpson	3,500
Buena Vista (away)	1,213

\*Figures estimated by Sports Information. Include all attendees, not just Wartburg fans.

big this year as it has been in the past," Baker said. "The crowd doesn't get into the game—they just sit there."

First-year offensive lineman Chris Snyder has noticed a major difference in the crowd support since the homecoming game.

"At homecoming, it was cool because the crowd was loud and large, but in all the other games, the fan support was decent but not great," Snyder said.

Crowd support should be high this weekend when the Wartburg football team hosts a first-round playoff game against Lake Forest.

"I hope the crowd will be equal to or exceed the homecoming crowd," Snyder said.

Next year, Grace said Wartburg will try something new to improve attendance.

"We're trying to play more evening games in the

beginning of the season to help attendance," he said.

Nestigen also has a suggestion to improve attendance.

"Maybe we could get a group of about 25 people in the stands to start cheers and make the games more lively so more people will show up," he said.

Despite the low turnout for the University of Dubuque game, Wartburg is still the top school in the Iowa Intercollegiate Conference for home attendance. The average attendance for Wartburg home football games this year was 3,633 people. Conference champion Coe College averaged only 1,431 people at its home games.

The questions remain: Are a majority of Wartburg students only fans when the Knights play a top-ranked team? Or are they once-a-term fans at homecoming?

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# 'Great' season ends at regional final

By COREY ARNDT  
Sports Writer

After having the winningest season in school history, the Wartburg volleyball team ended its 2002 campaign Saturday at the NCAA Division III Central Regional Championships in St. Louis.

The No. 15-ranked Knights defeated a tough Nebraska Wesleyan squad Friday in the semifinals in five games, 22-30, 30-18, 23-30, 30-27, 15-7. Wartburg was down two games to one and rallied back to win game five to advance to the championship match

against No. 2-ranked Washington University.

Unable to get things going in the final match, the Knights fell 30-22, 30-11, 30-22.

Although disappointed with the loss, head coach Jennifer Walker was pleased with her team's overall performance.

"We have to consider that they are the number two team in the nation," Walker said. "They're just a solid team."

Senior outside hitter Jamie Garbes was the only Knight to reach double digits in kills in the championship match with 10.

Defensively, junior outside hitter Dia Dohlman recorded 17 digs and junior

libero Denise Dietz had 15.

"Against Washington we didn't play to our potential," Dohlman said. "They kept us on our toes the whole match."

Wartburg finished the season with a number of accomplishments to their record-setting 30-10 season. The Knights' Iowa Conference championship was the first in school history. This season also marks only the second time the Knights have qualified for the NCAA Division III Tournament and the first time they have advanced to a regional championship match.

"It was a good finish to a great season,"

Walker said. "Only one team gets to end with a win."

Four Knights had all-conference honors this season. Dohlman was tabbed a first team selection, as well as senior setter Angie Hulse. This marks Dohlman's third time being selected for all-conference honors and Hulse's second. Garbes was named a second team member. Walker shared Coach of the Year honors with Loras College head coach Brian Lamppa.

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## Six land postseason honors

Underclassmen were abundant on the 2002 all-Iowa Conference soccer teams for the Wartburg College men's and women's squads.

First team honors went out three sophomores and a junior. Midfielder Verne Houston, defender Jeremy McEver and defender Katie Rapp led the way. Midfielder Mindy Viering was the lone upperclassman on Wartburg's lists.

Sophomore goalkeeper Collin Lane and freshman defender Kirk Artist were placed on the second team.

Houston, Rapp and Viering are earning all-conference honors for the second year in a row.

Houston, a two-time first team selection, led the Knight this season in goals (15) and points scored (32). His performance placed him in the top three in the conference in these categories as well.

The highly touted Lane ended his 2002 campaign with shutouts against Loras and

Central College in the conference tournament. He was second in the conference in shutouts (eight) and saves (7.31 pg).

McEver and Artist led the way for the Knights' defense, which ranked second in the conference in shutouts (nine) and in the top five in fewest goals allowed (1.19 pg).

Rapp, a second team honoree in 2001, broke a record on her way to her first team honor. She moved into the career assist lead halfway through the season, while leading the team in goals (nine) and points scored (26).

Viering, also a second team member last season, tallied one goal and played a crucial role in helping the Knights' defense in allowing only 1.43 goals per game.

The Knights also landed junior midfielder Armin Muhamedagic and freshman defender Zach Prieve on the men's honorable mention squad. On the women's side, freshman defender Michelle Bethel received honorable mention.

## Various meets start season

By NICK PETAROS  
Sports Writer

The No. 1-ranked Wartburg wrestling team began its campaign for an eleventh straight conference title and third national title Saturday. The Knights squad wrestled in the Harold Nichols tournament in Fort Dodge.

At the tournament, junior Heath Ropp won the 125 lbs. championship. In the 133 lbs. weight class, freshman Tyler Hubbard placed sixth in his first college meet. Junior Bart Mehlert and sophomore Ryan Sturm both claimed second place finishes in the 149 and 165 lbs. Divisions, respectively. Senior Sonny Alvarez placed fifth in the 184 lbs. weight class. In the heavy-weight division, senior LeRoy Gardner III was a runner up.

Also on Saturday, other Wartburg wrestlers were in action at the Augsburg

and St. Olaf opens. At Augsburg, medalists included Corey Kalma (fifth), Brian Frost (seventh), Andrew Knaack and Nathan Specht tied for third and Ryan Phillips (sixth).

Medallists in the St. Olaf Open included Brandon Brussette and Zach Henrich, who tied for third, Nick Kray (second), Steve Mitchell (fifth), Jordan Schick (third), Steve Mitchell (fifth), and Nick Blasberg (fifth).

The starting lineup for the next meet will feature nine nationally ranked wrestlers and seven returning All-Americans, according to head coach Jim Miller.

The Knights will begin conference dual meet action Thursday against Simpson College. The meet will be held in Knights Gymnasium at 7 p.m.

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# Co-champs officially in

Wartburg receives at-large bid for postseason action, plays host to Lake Forest Saturday

By LANCE RIDPATH  
Sports Writer

Before being selected to the NCAA Division III playoffs this weekend, the Iowa Conference co-champion Wartburg football team had to take care of business and proved that it belonged one last time.

The No. 19-ranked Knights methodically crushed conference rival Buena Vista University 58-3 on the eve of "Selection Sunday."

The Knights wore down and ran all over the host Beavers, piling up 586 yards of offense while holding Buena Vista to just 97 yards.

Wartburg kicked off the scoring parade with four minutes left in the first quarter. Senior running back Justin Beatty punched the ball in for the first score of the game.

On its next possession, Wartburg was forced to punt. Buena Vista returnman Josh Espinoza brought the ball all the way back to the Wartburg eight-yard line before sophomore punter Mark Giesmann made the touchdown-saving tackle. However, the Wartburg defense would hold their ground and forced a short field goal to make the score 7-3 at the end of the first period. That's as close as it would get.

Early in the second quarter, senior quarterback Jake Olsen hit freshman full-back Ben Thomsen coming out of the backfield for a 21-yard score to cap off a seven-play, 71-yard drive. On their ensuing possession, the Knights took a 16-3 lead after sophomore kicker Jordan Maus nailed a 31-yard field goal.

Wartburg would put another seven on the board before halftime. Following a short punt, the Knights took over on the Buena Vista 33-yard line. Seven plays later, junior running back Brad Hodapp took a handoff eight yards into the end zone to give the visitors a 23-3 advantage heading into the locker room.

The Knights came out rusty at the start of the second half. However, the offense broke out of its shell late in the third period and prompted a scoring onslaught that saw the Knights put up 28 points in seven minutes.

The rally started when Beatty ran off tackle, dodged a few would-be tacklers and lunged over the goal line to cap a 70-yard drive. After forcing a three-and-out, Hodapp took a handoff and broke free for a 38-yard scoring run. That made the score 37-3 at the end of the third period.

Just 38 seconds into the fourth quarter,



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**HANGING BY A THREAD**—Wartburg College junior linebacker Matt Stoffel gets a hold of Simpson College ball carrier Jesse Stewart Nov. 9 at Walston-Hoover Stadium. After a 58-3 thrashing of Buena Vista University Saturday, the Knights advanced to the NCAA Div. III playoffs and will play host to Lake Forest (Ill.) College Saturday. Kickoff for the playoff game is set for noon.

the Knights would again hit pay dirt. This time, Hodapp ran through truck-sized hole and rumbled 69 yards for the score. On the ensuing drive, senior defensive back Garrett Rettig picked off a pass, but an illegal blocking penalty negated a touchdown and gave Wartburg starting field position at the 25-yard line.

On a third-and-goal play, Beatty took a handoff into the end zone to give Wartburg a 51-3 lead.

With the victory in hand, head coach Rick Willis cleared the benches and gave his starters a well-earned breather.

After halting a Buena Vista scoring drive, the Knights would get one more shot at a touchdown. On the first play of the drive, junior running back Jake Flanders rumbled 70 yards to put Wartburg in scoring position. A few plays

later, senior quarterback Mike Woltz snuck over the goal line from two yards out to ice the cake. The Knights held on to win 58-3.

The running back tandem of Hodapp and Beatty was as potent as it's been all season. Hodapp led the rushing attack with 172 yards on 16 carries, while Beatty followed with 23 carries for 164 yards.

Jake Olsen finished his 30th and final regular season start at quarterback with 149 yards in the air, completing 11 of 21 passes. Senior wide receiver Jeff Marsh was just one yard shy of the century mark, hauling in five passes for 99 yards. He was followed by senior tight end Ryan Melin who picked up 34 yards on two receptions.

The Wartburg defense capped off its regular season with a quintessential dominating effort. Buena Vista managed its 97 yards of total offense on 53 plays.

The win gives the Knights a share of the IIAC title, their first since 1999. More importantly, the win vaulted Wartburg's status with the NCAA selection committee.

The Knights (9-1 overall, 8-1 IIAC) will play host to Lake Forest (Ill.) College in the first round of playoff action. The Foresters (9-1 overall) earned a playoff spot by upsetting rival St. Norbert and being crowned champions of the Midwest Conference. Lake Forest features one of the best Division III players in the country, linebacker Casey Urlacher, the younger brother of current Chicago Bears star Brian Urlacher.

Gametime is noon at Walston-Hoover Stadium.

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## SPORTS

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## Off to Nationals

Women win, men finish second at regional meet in Grinnell

By JORDAN DRACKLEY  
Sports Writer

Wartburg women's and men's cross country shined Saturday under sunny skies at the NCAA Division III Central Regional Meet in Grinnell, taking first and second, respectively, to qualify for the national meet next week.

"We're acting like a championship team," said head coach Steve Johnson. "A championship team doesn't go out one week and do well and go out the next week and do terrible. We've got a great group for consistency."

Sophomore Missy Buttry found the finish line first in 20:43 in the 6K, a whopping 70 seconds before the next runner crossed. The sixth-ranked women finished five runners in the top 20, scoring 50 points.

Senior Gretchen Graham edged another competitor for fourth in 22:16 and sophomore Jannae Holubar crossed in 10th place in 22:39. Junior Lacey Leinbaugh took 15th in 22:51, senior Tara Bruck grabbed 20th in 23:08, sophomore Beth Neal (23:17) finished 24th, and junior Jenni Janssen (23:29) took 36th to add to the women's paramount performance.

Each runner performed better at this meet than last year, and Johnson said he was pleased with Graham's fourth-place finish, Leinbaugh's level of competitiveness and Bruck's top-20 finish.

"It's definitely been a season I'll never forget," Graham said. "With the team unity, determination and confidence, we deliver every time."

Senior Tyson Keith took the top spot for the seventh-ranked men, finishing fourth in the 8K in 24:58. Senior Joe Hughes grabbed seventh in 25:07, sophomore Josh Moen took 12th in 25:27, freshman Jeff Davis followed in 17th with 25:38 and junior Tate Behning placed 22nd in 25:43. Senior Nick Betts took 28th in 26:02 and freshman Noah Wendland finished 115th in 27:47.

Johnson said Keith had a week of half-workouts to rest his legs, which was beneficial for the race. "I relaxed a little and kept contact with the pack in front of me," Keith said. "The last mile I slowly picked them off."

Although Keith finished two spots before Nebraska Wesleyan's first runner, the Prairie Wolves squeezed four runners in a row between Hughes and Moen to finish all five scorers in the top 11.

Keith said the team will try to find Nebraska Wesleyan runners at Nationals and stick with them, but won't let a possible poor performance on the Prairie Wolves' part affect the Knights' mindset.

"It's good strategy to find those guys and stick with them," he said. "But we have no limits. If they have a bad race, then we'd have a



Ben Shanno/TRUMPET

**ALL ALONE**—Wartburg College sophomore Missy Buttry paces herself at the NCAA Division III Central Regional Meet Saturday in Grinnell. Buttry won by 70 seconds.

bad race."

Twelve runners captured All-Region honors (top 35 from each race).

Four teams from each race qualified for the National meet, while four men and six women who were not members of a qualifying team also qualify as individuals. In addition to Wartburg, St. Olaf College (87 points), Nebraska Wesleyan University (142), and Carleton College (156) qualified on the women's side.

Nebraska Wesleyan (44) and the University of St. Thomas (98) easily qualified in the men's race, but when St. Olaf and Carleton tied for the fourth spot with 116, a tiebreaker was implemented. The top five runners on each team were compared head-to-head as a determining factor. Carleton won the first

and third runners' comparisons, but St. Olaf took the second, fourth and fifth runners' comparison to qualify.

This will be the fifth time the Wartburg men and the seventh time the women will compete at the national meet. Last year the men placed 10th and the women finished 11th.

"We're really confident about nationals," Johnson said. "Our dream goal is to get a trophy—the top four get trophies—but we really just want to improve from last year's 10th and 11th finishes."

The NCAA Div. III Cross Country Championships are Saturday on the St. Olaf campus in Northfield, Minn. The men run at 11 a.m. and the women run at noon.

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## One emotional play

Joshua Smothers  
Sports Editor

If you see me walking around with an ear-to-ear grin on my face for the next few weeks—never mind the adolescent-looking beard I'm trying to grow—you must understand why it's there. I've been inspired, by sports nonetheless.

*Sports Illustrated* columnist Rick Reilly beat me to the printing press, but I have thoughts of my own about what I agree will become the play of the year in any sport.

It is a story about a fellow named Jake Porter.

Porter, 17, plays high school football for Northwest High in McDermott, Ohio. Well, sort of plays. He's on the team. He wears my favorite number, 45. However, he's hardly ever stepped on the field.

This is because Porter has chromosomal fragile X syndrome, a disorder that is a common cause of mental retardation. Though he doesn't play, he very rarely misses a practice.

Being defeated 42-0 in the waning moments of its game against Waverly High (seriously), Northwest head coach Dave Frantz called a timeout to put Porter in the game. Porter had worked on taking a knee in practice throughout the week, leading up to his shining moment.

Waverly head coach Derek Dewitt was not too fond of the idea. No, Dewitt wanted Porter to run the ball in for a touchdown, giving up a deserved shutout.

As the play unfolded, Porter took the handoff and began to genuflect, as he'd done all week in practice. Teammates and opponents alike encouraged him to run in the direction of the end zone.

Excited and confused, Porter ran to the line of scrimmage, turned back around to join his team in a huddle, then finally turned back around in the direction of the goal line and took off. The Waverly defense never laid a finger on Porter, as they'd been instructed, and Porter was gone.

His touchdown scamper should be the play of the year—in sports and in good will.

As his teammates celebrated Porter's dream, players, coaches, children, parents and scouts cried and reared all at once—pandemonium at its finest.

This is not necessarily a spectacle typically seen in the rigorous game of football. Football is thought to be such a tough-man's sport, no room for generosity, kindness or benevolence.

But let's trash the front. Football players and coaches have feelings, too. It's not like they're non-human. It's nice these feelings were finally displayed on the national level.

Porter's now the talk of the town. Heck, he's been the talk across the nation lately. Instead of his rambling conversations with Frantz, his buddies, or his mother, who is a single parent, he's now conversing with the likes of NBC, ESPN, CBS and Fox.

We think he's lucky to have this chance to be in the limelight and become a national hero overnight. Shame on us. We could never be more wrong. We're the lucky ones who have had the opportunity to witness something pure and virtuous.

And for the reporters who saw this wonderful event as something that was fixed and doesn't belong in sports: may their souls flourish in the fiery pits of Hades.

I relate to this subject rather well, having an 18-year-old brother, Tyler, who's mentally retarded and confined to a wheelchair. He suffers from a rare spinal cord disease called spina bifida. I've been fortunate enough to be a part of Tyler's miraculous triumphs over the years.

I'm not writing this column for your sympathy or anything of the sort. To be honest, I think many of you should envy my position. Differently-abled individuals have opened my eyes to the world. It's comforting—thanks to Tyler—knowing I don't stereotype or judge people. I understand what true determination and perseverance is now because of him.

Tyler has been the angel in my life and after Porter's unthinkable touchdown run last week, I know he'll be an angel in many others' lives from now on.

Jake Porter touched the hearts of thousands of viewers across America that day. Misty-eyed, I thank Porter and those who made his chance possible. I thank them for giving Americans something heart-warming to talk about, instead of the testosterone-fueled meatheads who have ruined my perception of present-day football.

It puts everything into perspective, in a way. All because Jake Porter was just being himself.

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